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FOR AMBASSADOR NEWSOM FROM STAFFORD, MANAGER, BANGKOK
OFFICE, USGAO; SECSTATE FOR DIR OPERATIONS ANALYSIS AND
GAO LIAISON (BF-GAO) FEM-76-0-10

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SUBJECT: PUBLIC LAW 480 CONCESSIONAL SALES PROGRAM
(CODE 48264)

THE U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE (GAO) IS INITIATING
A REVIEW OF THE CONCESSIONAL SALES PROGRAM UNDER PUBLIC
LAW 480, TITLE I. THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT
FINANCING OF SALES OF U.S. AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES TO
FRIENDLY COUNTRIES. THE REVIEW WILL BE PERFORMED IN
INDONESIA, INDIA, KOREA, AND IN WASHINGTON, D.C. WORK
IN JAKARTA WILL START ABOUT SEPTEMBER 15, 1975, AND WE
ESTIMATE THAT IT WILL TAKE TWO MEN ABOUT 4 WEEKS TO PERFORM
THE REVIEW. THE DEPT. OF STATE WAS ADVISED OF THIS REVIEW
BY LETTER DATED AUGUST 25, 1975.

THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PUBLIC LAW 480, TITLE I
CONCESSIONAL SALES PROGRAM INVOLVES A SERIES OF DECISIONS
ON COMMODITY AVAILABILITY, COUNTRY NEEDS AND ALLOCATION
PRIORITIES, FUNDING CONSTRAINTS, AND CONGRESSIONAL MANDATES.
ALSO, MANY AGENCIES ARE INVOLVED IN THE DECISION-MAKING
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PROCESS AFFECTING THE PROGRAM. THE OBJECTIVES OF THE GAO

REVIEW ARE TO EVALUATE THE CONSIDERATIONS BEHIND THE DECISIONS AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.

THE REVIEW WILL CONCENTRATE ON (1) THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS AND JUSTIFICATIONS FOR DETERMINING THE COMMODITIES AND QUANTITIES REQUESTED; (2) THE CONSIDERATIONS UPON WHICH THE SALES AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN BASED; AND (3) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING THE ROLE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF U.S. ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT.

IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE REVIEW, WE REQUEST THAT PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING THE PUBLIC LAW 480 PROGRAM IN INDONESIA PROVIDE A BRIEFING ON THE PROGRAM ON SEPTEMBER 16 OR 17. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THEM MAKING AVAILABLE COPIES OF SALES AGREEMENTS APPLICABLE TO FISCAL YEARS 1974, 1975, AND 1976, AND COPIES OF REPORTS SHOWING PROGRAM OPERATING DATA AND REPORTS OF INSPECTIONS, AUDITS, AND SPECIAL STUDIES.

WORK ON THIS ASSIGNMENT IN INDONESIA WILL BE UNDER THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF JAMES N. STAFFORD, MANAGER, BANGKOK OFFICE AND WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE FOLLOWING GAO REPRESENTATIVES:

C. ROBERT DUMONT, SUPERVISOR
OLIVER G. HARTER

I CERTIFY THAT MESSRS. DUMONT AND HARTER HAVE BEEN GRANTED SECURITY CLEARANCE FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES FOR ACCESS TO SECURITY INFORMATION CLASSIFIED UP TO AND INCLUDING TOP SECRET ON THE BASIS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 10450. THIS CERTIFICATION IS NOT TO BE HONORED UNLESS THE REPRESENTATIVES NAMED HEREIN PRESENT OFFICIAL GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE CREDENTIALS.

REQUEST HOTEL RESERVATIONS (2 SINGLES) AT THE SABANG HOTEL AND TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL ON SEPTEMBER 15. WILL ADVISE OF FLIGHT NUMBER AND ARRIVAL TIME WHEN FIRM.

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